GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Social Welfare Department – Warangal district – Sri K.John, formerly Warden, Social Welfare Boys Hostel (B), Nawabpet, and Hostel Welfare Officer, Grade-I, Jangaon (now retired as Hostel Welfare Officer, Grade-I, SWBH (C) Jangaon, Warangal District) – Certain irregularities committed in maintenance of Social Welfare Hostels during the year, 1991-92 to 1993-94 – Disciplinary proceedings concluded – Withholding of 1% pension for a period of (3) years besides recovery of misappropriated amount of `77,674/- – Imposed – orders – Issued.

Social Welfare (Ser.III.1) Department

G.O. Rt. No. 607

Dated: 07-09-2012
Read the followings:-

- 1. Govt. Memo.No.16590/A3/1997-1, Dated 13.10.1997 SWD, A.P., Hyderabad.
- 2. Proceedings No.VC-II/3024/1995, Dated 20.11.1997 of CSW, Hyderabad.
- 3. G.O.Rt.No.46, SW (SW.Ser.1.2) Department, Dated 03.02.1998.
- 4. Commissioner of Social Welfare, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, Letter No.Audit.III/8107/1998, Dated 21.02.2000.
- 5.Collector, Warangal Dist., Procgs.No.B1/621/2000-II (44.i), dated:22.07.2000.
- 6.Collector, Warangal Dist., Procgs.No.B1/621/ 2000-II 45.ii), dated:22.07.2000.
- 7. Explanation offered by Sri K.John, formerly Warden, Social Welfare Boys Hostel (B), Nawabpet dated:28.02.2005.
- 8. Explanation of Sri. K.John, formerly HWO, Gr.I, SWBH (C), Jangaon, dated:28.2.2005.
- 9. RDO, Jangaon & IA, report, Lr.Rc.No.A/88/2003, dated: 28.10.2006.
- 10.RDO, Jangaon & IA, report, Lr.Rc.No.A/88/2003, dated: 08.09.2010.
- 11.Collector, Warangal Memo. Rc.No.A1/621/2000-II(44.i), dated:14.06.2011.
- 12. Collector, Warangal Memo. Rc.No.A1/621/2000-II(45.ii), dated:14.6.2011.
- 13. Explanation of Sri K.John, dated:30.06.2011.
- 14. Govt., Memo No 13642/SW Ser.III.I/2011-2, dated: 24.02.2012.
- 15. Explanation of Sri K.John, dated: 26.03.2012.
- 16. Secretary, APPSC Lr. No. 635/RT/2012, Dated 12.4.2012.

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ORDER:-

On receipt of credible information that certain serious financial irregularities were committed by the Wardens / Matrons of Social Welfare Hostels in Warangal District in maintenance of Hostels / Institutions during the year 1993-94, the Joint Director (Vigilance), O/o the Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad, conducted preliminary enquiry into the irregularities committed by the Wardens /Matrons and submitted the report.

2. Definite charges were framed against (32) Wardens / Matrons including Sri K.John, formerly Warden, Social Welfare Boys Hostel (B), Nawabpet, and Hostel Welfare Officer, Grade-I, Jangaon (now retired as Hostel Welfare Officer, Grade-I, SWBH (C) Jangaon, Warangal District), based on the report of Joint Director (Vigilance). After receipt of the explanations from the Charged Officers, the Assistant Director (Legal Cell), O/o the Commissioner of Social Welfare, Hyderabad, was appointed as Common Inquiry Officer under Rule 24 (1) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services

- (CC&A) Rules vide Commissioner of Social Welfare Procgs.No.M1/21006/94, dated 04.06.1995, to conduct detailed inquiry. The Assistant Director (Legal Cell) has conducted the inquiry and submitted his report on 30.12.1995.
- 3. The District Collector, Warangal, who is the disciplinary authority in respect of Wardens / Matrons, after receipt of the inquiry report, has passed final orders imposing the penalties against the Wardens/Matrons duly following the procedure contemplated in Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.
- 4. Government, in the reference 1st read above, observed that without conducting special audit and without assessing the actual misappropriation of amounts in the case of Social Welfare Hostels, the penalties already imposed based on the enquiry report by the District Collector/Commissioner of Social Welfare, does not seem to be in order and in the result it may whittle down the CBCID case in process. The Government, has therefore, accorded permission to the Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad, to reopen the cases of misappropriation of Government funds in Social Welfare Hostels in Warangal District, and to take up fresh inquiry under Rule 41 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.
- 5. In the reference 2nd read above, the Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad, has issued orders for reopening the disciplinary cases against (31) Warden/ Matrons under Rule 41 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.
- 6. Government vide G.O 3rd read above, issued orders for conducting of Special Audit on the misappropriation of Government funds and financial irregularities in Government Welfare Hostels/Other Institutions of Warangal District, for a period of three years from 1991-92 to 1993-94. The Special Audit Party conducted the audit of all the Government Social Welfare Hostels/Other Institutions in the District for the periods from 1991-92 to 1993-94 and submitted its reports to the Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad.
- 7. In the reference 4th read above, the Commissioner of Social Welfare, has communicated the Special Audit Reports to the District Collector, Warangal for taking further action in the matter.
- 8. In the references 5th & 6th read above, Articles of Charges were framed against Sri K.John, formerly Warden, Social Welfare Boys Hostel (B), Nawabpet, and Hostel Welfare Officer, Grade-I, Jangaon (now retired as Hostel Welfare Officer, Grade-I, SWBH (C) Jangaon, Warangal District), for committing certain financial irregularities in maintenance of the Hostels, during the years 1991-92 to 1993-94.
- 9. In the reference 7rd & 8th read above, the Charged Officer, Sri K.John, has submitted his explanation for the charges framed against him while working as Warden, Social Welfare Boys Hostel(B), Nawabpet, and Hostel Welfare Officer, Grade-I, Jangaon respectively. The Charged Officer was retired from service on 31.8.2010.
- 10. In the reference 9th & 10th read above, the Inquiring Authority & the Revenue Divisional Officer, Jangaon has submitted the inquiry reports holding the Articles of Charges framed against the Charged Officer, as not proved.
- 11. In the reference 11th & 12th read above, while communicating the disagreement note of the disciplinary authority on the findings of the Inquiring Authority, the Charged Officer was directed to submit explanation, if any as to why disciplinary action should not be taken against him.

- 12. Sri K.John, formerly Warden, Social Welfare Boys Hostel (B), Nawabpet, and Hostel Welfare Officer, Grade-I, Jangaon (now retired as Hostel Welfare Officer, Grade-I, SWBH (C) Jangaon, Warangal District) has submitted his explanation in the reference 13th read above, requesting to reconsider the findings of the Inquiring Authority and to drop further action against him.
- 13. Having not convinced with the explanation and holding the charges as proved, Government in the reference 14th read above issued notice to the delinquent officer directing him to show cause as to why a 1% cut in pension for a period of (03) **Three Years** besides recovery of misappropriated amount of `77,674/- should not be imposed against him for the irregularities committed by him. The said show cause notice together with Inquiry Report and disagreement note was served on the delinquent officer on 26.3.2012 and the D.O has offered his further explanation vide reference 15th read above.
- 14. The matter was referred to the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission for its advice. The Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, in the reference 16th read above has agreed with the above said proposed penalty.
- 15. After careful examination of the charges framed, Written Statements of Defence, report of the Inquiring Authority, disagreement note of the disciplinary authority and the explanations of the Delinquent officer, Government have decided to withhold 1% pension for a period of (3) Three Years, and to recover the misappropriated amount of `77,674/-.
- 16. Accordingly, Government hereby ordered to withhold 1% (One percent) pension for a period of (3) three years, and to recover the misappropriated amount of `77,674/- (Rupees Seventy Seven thousand Six hundred and Seventy Four only), against Sri K.John, formerly Warden, Social Welfare Boys Hostel (B), Nawabpet, and Hostel Welfare Officer, Gr.I, Jangaon (now retired as Hostel Welfare Officer, Gr.I, SWBH (C) Jangaon, Warangal District) for the irregularities committed in maintenance of the said SW Hostels during the years 1991-92 to 1993-94.
- 17. The District Collector, Warangal shall take necessary further action accordingly and acknowledge the original record enclosed herewith.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

J. RAYMOND PETER PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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Sri. K.John, HWO, Grade-I (Retired), Social Welfare Department, Warangal District. (through the Collector, Warangal District)

The District Collector, Warangal District (SW) (3 copies-With original regards) (With a request to serve the order on the individual and return the served copy) The Principal Accountant General, A.P., Hyderabad.

The Deputy Accountant General (Pension), O/o AG, A.P., Hyderabad.

The District Treasury Officer, Warangal District.

Copy to:-

The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.

The Secretary, Vigilance Commission, APVC, Hyderabad.

The Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad. SF/SC

// FORWARDED:: BY ORDER //